

No. 4922	第千四百九十二號	三月初九日	年午戊治同	HONGKONG, MONDAY, 26 th , SEPTEMBER, 1870.	一拜禮	時六廿月九英	港香	[PRICE \$2. PER MONTH.]
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Intimations.

**THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.**

**INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL CON-
CERT** by the Band 78th *Strlingford*
Regiment.

In aid of the Fund of the
DEFENSIVE SOCIETY and *Society*
Under the *Distinguished* Patronage of
H.E. the **LIEUT. GOVERNOR**,
Lieut. Col. *Maxwell* and Officers 78th *Regt.*

The Band of the above is most respectful
to inform the public that they will perform
at the Theatre on the 24th of September
of Hongkong, that they intend giving an In-
strumental and Vocal CONCERT in aid of the
above Fund, on

MONDAY
October 24, 1870.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Boxes,	\$100.
Stalls, and Balcony,	250.

Tickets to be had at the *Officers Mess*
Mess *Tables*, *Club*, *Offices*, *Clubs* & *Quar-*
ters, and at the Theatre on the Night of Performance.

W. J. COLLIER, Secy.

the store lately occupied by
Hart & Co. Powder's Wharf

THE "AMERICAN" double decked Barque.
"JOHN WORSTER."
 Captain Knowles, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will load at this and Whampoa for the above port, and have immediate despatch.
 For Freight, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
 at 1726 Hongkong, 28th September, 1870.
FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE American Ship
"SAMUEL D. CARLTON"

NOTICE
WILLIAM ROSS KAHLER

The American Barque
"VIOTOR,"
Wass, Master, 695 tons register.

The American Barque
"SALLY BROWN,"
Mathews, Master, 426 tons register.
All first-class at "Veritas" and American
Lloyds.

For further particulars apply to

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, until noon on MONDAY the 26th instant for the building of a

WILLIAM HENRY MOORE
OTTO FRIEDRICH; have this

10 Fine Blue Cloth Suits, For Inspectors.	
150 Blue Cloth Suits.....	" European Force.
150 Blue Cloth Suits.....	" Indian Force.
150 Turbans.....	" West Indian Force.
10 Blue Cloth Suits.....	" "
200 Serge Suits.....	" "
200 Bamboo Hats.....	" Chinese Force.
200 pairs Shoes and 60 pairs Stockings.....	" "
Blue Cloth.....	" "

NOTICE.
THOMAS H. DE SILVER is

Forms of Tenders and any further information can be obtained on application at the office of the Captain Superintendent of Police.
No Tender will be received unless sent on the Form required.
By Command,
J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 17th September, 1870. [7d 170]

FRITZ RAPP has been d

APPLY TO
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
OR TO
CAPT. OWEN PHILLIPS,
At 1653 Hongkong, 10th September, 1879. *Ship "Tumana"*

Notices to Consignees.

**DELLAWARR, S.S. FROM LIVERPOOL
AND RINGAPORE.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by above-named Ship are hereby notified that the Bill of Lading, at once, to the undersigned if countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo destined the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and per the terms of Bills of Lading.

Consignees are further notified, that in case of any loss or damage to the cargo, the claim must be presented to the Consignee of the cargo, and not to the Shipowner.

1. BISQUIT BOXES.

bearing all risk and paying expenses.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents,
Str., Delaware
 17 1732 Hongkong, 25th September, 1870.

SPEEDWELL FROM KURRACHEE.
CONSIGNEES of Cotton by this vessel are
 hereby requested to send in their Bills of
 Lading to the undersigned for countersignature,
 and to take immediate delivery of their
 Goods.
 Cargo impeding the discharge of this vessel
 will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
 and expense.

Coffee POTS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above vessels are hereby requested to send their Bill of Lading for countersignature to the Underwriter, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No claim for short delivery of parts of cargo.

NESS'S STOUT, in bottle.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of MLPS 741/766, 26 Cauce
Merohandius, shipped by Etienne Tro-
teux, per French Barque *Taffarelle* from Havre,
and consigned to order, are hereby notified
that the same have been landed and stored in
the godowns of the undersigned, at their risk

Hongkong, 30th May, 1870.

of 1594 Hongkong, 1st September, 1870.
SHIP "DUNMAIL," FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above vessel
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the undersigned for counter-signa-
ture. They are hereby informed that the same
are now being landed at Mr. E. NORTON'S
Office, on the Praya, and are requested to take
immediate delivery, on receipt of notice that

Sole Proprietor,

The expense of procuring and delivering the
 cargo will also have to be borne by the Con-
 signees.
 GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents for Peter Thompson, late Master
 of the Ship "Dunmail."
 at 94, Hongkong, 23rd May, 1870.
 NOTICE

Hongkong, 19th September.

late delivery.
 "Es "Hoggly," 17th September, 1870.
 BN&Co 50 One can Mocha
 C. BERTRAND,
 Principal Agent.
 Hongkong, 17th September, 1870.

Docks.

PORT OF AMOY.

**SHIP OWNERS, AGENTS AND COM-
MANDERS** are informed that the Dock
Company's Establishments at the above
Port afford every facility as to agents' charges
for REPAIRING AND SPARRING VESSELS.

CLEANING AND PAINTING IRON
SHIPS AND STEAMERS.

THEIR LARGE GRANITE DOCK,
No. 288 feet length on the blocks, and at
average spring tide on rollers of 16 to
17 feet draught. It has a
CRANE CAPACITY OF FIFTY TONS.

And an Engineers' workshop fitted with Lathes
and Tools, driven by steam. Iron and Brass
Foundries, Boiler-makers shop, a large Smithy,
and Carpenters and Boat-builders shops. All
superintended by resident Europeans.

Two smaller GRANITE DOCKS: can
receive, at spring tides, vessels drawing 12 feet.
Spars, Timber, and other Dock-yard material
kept in stock.

Quarries for Officers, and a DRY DOCK FOR
STORES, of Yachin under repair.
At 231 Amoy, December, 1868.

FOOTCROW DOCK.

RIVER MIN.

THE above granite floor DOCK, of
the following dimensions, viz: Length, 300
feet, Breadth at Bottom, 40 feet, is capable of
receiving Vessels drawing 12 to 16 feet, as the
state of the Tide will allow. The Dock runs
dry to the blocks and is pumped out by Steam.
The above premises comprise a large Machine
Shop, containing
WITHWORTH'S 32-IRON SCREW CUTTING
MACHINE
DRILLING AND BORING MACHINES,
A LARGE SHUTTLE, &c., &c., &c.
Large Godowns are on the premises for
STORAGE OF OILS, &c., &c. A large
quantity of Wood, Metal, &c., always on hand.
The Dock Steam Tug "Wong" is available at
all times to tow vessels to or from Sea, at cur-
rent rates, on application to
JOHN C. SKRY.

The list of Charges for lighting or rental
has been revised from the 1st of September.
Messrs. DE SILVA & Co., Hongkong.
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
May 1870.

The Chronicle and Directory for 1870.

NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1870 is now ready for
Delivery.

As already announced, the Directory is pub-
lished in Two Parts, Complete at \$2. or by the
List of Residents and Port Directories
only, at \$1.

Copies may be obtained at the Daily Press
Office, and of the following Agents—
Messrs. DUNN & Co., Swatow.
HARDY & Co., Foochow.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
KILBY & Co.,
WATSON & GOSWOLD & Co., Japan.
Mr. L. P. FISHER, Merchants' Exchange,
San Francisco.

The delivery of the Daily Press from this office com-
menced on Saturday morning at 10:00, and the last in-
crease in the price of the paper.

The Daily Press

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1870.

If for no other reason, it is important that
due steps should be taken to ascertain the
exact facts with regard to the taxation which
it is reported is now being placed upon the
trade of Hongkong, by means of a system of
collection going on in the Colony, in order at
least to discover whether it is or is not possi-
ble to put an end to such a state of affairs.

It is very unsatisfactory to find the same
difficulty cropping up over and over again in
a new form; and if, in account of the singu-
lar powers of the Chinese for making un-
derhand arrangements, it is really impossi-
ble to put an end to the squeezing, it might
be better to ascertain whether the taxation
cannot be placed upon a recognized footing.

It is true, inasmuch as it is a measure giving
in to the Chinese, and allowing them to ob-
tain an end, by the plan they too frequently
adopt, of raising difficulties until their views
are met. Still, the great point is the practical
issue of the question. If, by standing aloof
from entering upon any agreement, we only
find that the taxation on the trade
which forms the reason of our refusal, goes
on surreptitiously, it may be well to consider
whether, after all, it would not be better to
meet the difficulty half way, and at least
secure that the taxation be of a recognized and
above-board character. The object which
the Chinese have long had in view is well
known to be that of placing the trade of
Hongkong upon a basis, no far as taxation is
concerned, similar to that at the Treaty ports.

It is considered, and probably with good
reason, that such a course would be undear-
able as tending to deprive the Colony of the
trading advantages which it ought to derive
from being a free port. But while we con-
tinue to act upon this principle, we find that
as a plain matter of fact, the port is not free;
that embargoes are placed upon junks leaving
it, and that in an irregular way, it is con-
stantly subject to various interferences. It
is clear, therefore, that unless we can see our
way to put an end to this state of affairs, it
standing out for the principle that Hong-
kong shall be a free port, we are simply
"fighting for an idea," and asserting our
right to hold what has already been surrep-
titiously eluded from us. The time has
come when it is essential to ascertain the
truth of the matter. If we can put down
the squeezing on the trade, by all means let
it be done; but if it is really beyond the
power of the Government to avoid these irregu-
larities, let it do what it will, then, it would
be well to consider whether such arrange-
ments cannot be made as will place the tax-
ation upon a regular basis, and give the Col-
ony the means of preventing an irregular
and vexatious levy of impost.

Equity should, therefore, be at once in-
stituted as to what taxes are actually being
laid upon the trade. It is not likely that
this information will be very readily obtained.
Indeed the probability is, that the levy of
any taxes whatever will at first be stoutly
denied. But there is no question that there
are special arrangements between the British
and Chinese authorities as to the duties
upon goods which are imported, and the goods
in Hongkong. No doubt, if the subject were

placed in the hands of a Commission aided
by the Registrar-General, and one or two
other competent persons, the Chinese
language, and the mode in which they arrange
the duties, would be ascertained, and the
information would be elicited, and it would
probably be the easy to decide whether the
system is such as ought to be at once put
down, or whether it may be desirable to
come to a definite understanding with the
Chinese, so that the taxes levied upon the
trade may be of a regular and recognized
character.

REPORTS OF THE IMPERIAL MAR-
TIME CUSTOMS ON THE TRADE
FOR 1869.

The Report from Foochow by Baron de Mes-
sieres very clearly shows the causes of the losses
last year in the Tea trade, and the reason of the
decreased import of Opium. These two im-
portant articles of commerce at Foo-
chow, while the entire review is admirably
arranged and concisely and perspicuously
worded. The Commissioner remarks that, in
the losses and ruin which the Tea trade caused
in 1869, there was a reasonable presumption
that these would be repeated in 1869, and that
the experience of the former year would pre-
vent the repetition of the latter. Every-
thing was in favor of this presumption. All
the chances of a lucrative foreign trade, such
as a reasonable rate of exchange, low freight-
age, and a good understanding amongst the various
heads of houses. All went on swimmingly for
a time; the market did not open till the 21st
June, 1869, a month later than usual; and
when it did open prices were 25 per cent. lower
than in 1868. Everything appeared to favor
the Exporters. How was it, then, that such
favorable conditions of the year resulted in
disastrous results? M. de Mesieres answers
this question very clearly. On the 21st June
last year, when the market opened, there was
a stock at Foochow of over 200,000 chests, and
nearly the whole of this consisted of tea
largely mixed with those of the old season.

These conditions were such that the sale
of these products was affected under such
conditions, that the population of Foochow was
compromised in the London markets, and
that the few of superior mixed teas left to pass
market caused realizations to be effected im-
mediately at public auction and at prices ruinous
to the exporters. Another of the principal
causes of the losses of 1869 was the precipita-
tion with which the merchants operated.
Some as early as the 15th of June, they had
a stock of tea of over \$2,000,000 worth.
This was a large stock for the time, and
the loss of tea on the London market, the con-
sumption being scarcely 12 to 13 millions per
month. This, added to the loss of quality of
the tea exported, made the crisis unavoidable,
and the more ruinous, of the exporters, and
caused the realizations consequent on such
a natural but needless panic.

It is evident that all parties are
acting with more caution, the experience of
two disastrous years having done no doubt a
sufficient lesson. It is to be hoped that the
Chinese will profit by the experience of this
year, and learn that lowering the quality of
the tea and preparing their badly are not
paying operations, and it may fairly be con-
cluded, that the Exporters will not do the
third time, neglecting the precautions dictated
by the most ordinary considerations of pru-
dence. On the subject of the Opium import,
the report under review has some sensible
remarks, which may well be commended to the
profound consideration of the "authorities." M.
de Mesieres notices the continuous de-
crease in the quantity of the drug imported
from the year 1868, when there were 2,295
chests, down to the year under review, when
the number of chests was only 4,800. He is
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decrease more and more every day. If this
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